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SUMMARY: SENIOR IZVESTIYA POLITICAL COLUMNIST KUDRYAVTSEV
BLASTS BOTH SADAT AND PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THEIR M.E.
POLICIES. HE DEPLORES U.S. "DEPARTURE" FROM OCTOBER 1
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U.S.-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT AND CALLS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
SETTLEMENT ON STANDARD SOVIET LINES - INCLUDING PLO
PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE IN CAPACITY AS "SOLE,
LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF PALESTINIAN ARABS. END
SUMMARY.

1. SENIOR POLITICAL COLUMNIST V. KUDRYAVTSEV'S ARTICLE

ON CAIRO'S "SEPARATIST POSITION" IN APRIL 26 IZVESTIYA STRONGLY CRITICIZES SADAT'S POLICY OF "NOT ONLY POLITICAL, BUT EVEN MORAL CAPITULATION." HOWEVER REAL VILLAIN IS U.S. AND ITS "IMPERIALIST POLICIES" WHICH "OPPOSE AND THREATEN" ARAB COUNTRIES. U.S. USES EGYPT AS ITS AGENT IN AFRICAN HORN, RED SEA REGION, AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA (E.G. AS MIDDLE MAN IN SUPPLYING U.S. ARMS TO PRO-WESTERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND GROUPS READ ERITREANS WHICH CONDUCT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY INSIDE PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA).

2. KUDRYAVTSEV SPECIFICALLY AND IN DETAIL TAKES PRESIDENT TO TASK FOR HIS MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON M.E. ACCORDING TO KUDRYAVTSEV, THE PRESIDENT:

--COULD COME UP WITH ITEMS OF ADVANTAGE ONLY TO ISRAEL WHEN LISTING WHAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN M.E. BY U.S. AND EGYPT;
--PROVIDED AN "ARBITRARY INTERPRETATION" OF U.N. RESOLUTION 242 WHEN DESCRIBING ITS SPECIFIC APPLICABILITY TO ISRAELI BORDERS (THERE IS NOT A WORD ABOUT ISRAEL IN THIS CONTEXT IN THE RESOLUTION, SAYS KUDRYAVTSEV);
--SPOKE OF "SOME" SOLUTIONS TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH THE JOINT SOVIET-U.S. STATEMENT ON THE M.E. OF OCTOBER 1 HAD SPOKEN OF THE NECESSITY OF SOLVING THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION INCLUDING "ENSURING THE LEGITIMATE CONFIDENTIAL

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RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE "AND ALSO OF THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS (THE PALESTINIAN) REPRESENTATIVES IN THE WORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. IN HIS SLIGHTLY EXPANDED CHECK LIST OF THE STANDARD SOVIET COMPONENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE - "THE ONLY WAY TO A JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT" - KUDRYAVTSEV MENTIONS THE "INDISPENSABLE" PARTICIPATION OF THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS WELL AS OF THE PLO - AS THE "SOLE, LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

4. THE SUB-THEME OF THE OCTOBER 1 U.S.-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT RECURS ELSEWHERE IN KUDRYAVTSEV'S ARTICLE. IN CONCLUSION, HE STATES THAT THE U.S. DEPARTURE FROM THE JOINT STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH THE "CAPITULATIONIST POLICY" OF SADAT "NOT ONLY DEEPENS THE (M.E.) CRISIS, NOT ONLY PROLONGS IT, BUT ALSO ENCOURAGES THE FORCES WHICH THREATEN THE WORLD WITH A NEW MILITARY CONFLAGRATION."

5. COMMENT: COMING SO SOON AFTER THE SECRETARY'S TALKS IN MOSCOW AND INCLUDING, AS IT DOES, SPECIFIC CRITICISM

OF THE PRESIDENT, KUDRYAVTSEV'S ARTICLE COULD NOT HAVE
BEEN PUBLISHED WITHOUT HIGHER THAN USUAL CLEARANCE AND
PROBABLY WITH SOME SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THE KIND
AND DEGREE OF CRITICISM. TOON

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